

Iron County Register.

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IRONTON, MISSOURI.

The British war office announced, on the 30th, that Lord Roberts had handed over the command of the British troops in South Africa to Lord Kitchener.

Secretary Gage and Secretary Long have each recommended in their annual reports that a separate building for the accommodation of government archives and records be built.

The United States cable ship Burnside, bound from New York to the Philippine islands, arrived at Singapore, Janra, on the 27th.

The new six-inch naval guns for the battle ships of the Maine class were tested, on the 27th, at the Indian Head proving grounds, under regular service conditions, with excellent results.

Lieut. Faramond, the French naval attaché at Washington, has been advised that the training ship Duguay-Trouin, with a large number of cadets on board, will visit American waters next spring.

When traveling nowadays, Emperor William usually takes with him a specially-carved pulpit, elaborately ornamented with heraldic devices, from which he delivers his orations and sermons.

Count De Toulouse Lautrec, who was extradited to Canada from Chicago, was sentenced, at Montreal, on the 27th, to five years in the penitentiary on a charge of receiving bonds knowing them to be forged.

Subscriptions in London, on the 30th, to the new issue of £3,000,000 three per cent. exchequer bonds, repayable in 1905, totaled £6,263,500. The tenders ranged from 95 to 100. The average price was 98 1/2-100.

Former mayor of Portsmouth, O., G. A. Waller, who was a delegate to the convention that nominated Abraham Lincoln, in 1860, and who was a Lincoln elector from Ohio, died at his home in that city on the 27th.

Continuous rain for 48 hours produced unprecedented floods in the Guayandotte valley, West Virginia, the river and its tributaries overflowing their banks and bearing away quantities of cross-ties, lumber and other property.

Henry Russell, one of the most noted composers of sea songs, was reported, on the 29th, to be dangerously ill in Chicago. It is now some years since he appeared in public, and, being 57 years of age, it is feared that the outcome of the present illness may be fatal.

The typhoon which caused the loss of the auxiliary cruiser Yosemite wrought great damage and loss of life, also, on the Island of Guam. Among the worst sufferers was the town of Morazan, which was completely demolished, with a loss of 30 townspeople killed and many injured.

The proposition to levy a tax for the support of a free public library was carried at a special election held in Dubuque, Ia., on the 26th. The result carried with it a gift of \$50,000 from Andrew Carnegie, also the Young Men's Library association's 15,000 volumes and other property worth \$40,000.

The annual report of Secretary Wilson of the agricultural department, made public on the 29th, begins with a complimentary reference to the work of his predecessors, "which had brought the department to its present state of efficiency." The report shows the affairs of the department to be in a generally satisfactory condition.

A recent German publication, remarking the growing American trade in the Levant, says: "Lately two large firms in Constantinople have, for the first time, received extensive shipments of American shoes. This shows that the persistent efforts of the Americans to gain a footing in the Levantine markets have achieved success."

Postmaster Vancott of New York city conferred with Postmaster-General Smith and others, on the 26th, regarding the proposed new post office building in New York. Mr. Vancott afterwards expressed the opinion that the bill now pending, appropriating \$2,500,000 for this purpose, would pass at the approaching session of congress.

The president, in the first week of the session of congress, will submit to the senate for confirmation 60 nominations for presidential post offices. This includes those appointed during the recess, and postmasters whose terms of office expire previous to January 1, next. It is the smallest list of recess nominees sent in for some years.

Charged with obtaining money under false pretenses, a man representing himself as Dr. William A. Ferguson, formerly of Galveston, Tex., but who is alleged by the New York police to be ex-Gov. Moses, of South Carolina, was arraigned, on the 30th, before United States Commissioner Shields, and held in bail of \$1,000 for examination.

United States Senator Cushman Kellogg Davis, chairman of the committee on foreign relations in this senate, died at his home in St. Paul, Minn., on the 27th, at 8:48 p. m., after an illness of two months. He had suffered greatly during his sickness, and gradually sank away, being unconscious for several hours before death, and so far as was known, suffering no pain.

During a severe typhoon, on November 15, the auxiliary cruiser Yosemite, moored in the harbor of San Luis d'Apia, Island of Guam, parted her cables and went on a reef and then struck on the rocks, receiving such injuries as to cause her to sink, later, after drifting 70 miles from the island. Her crew, with the exception of five men, sent out in a launch to find shelter, and who were drowned by the capsizing of their boat, were rescued by the United States collier Justitia.

DECEMBER—1900.

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TOPICS OF THE DAY.

NEWS FROM EVERYWHERE.

PERSONAL AND GENERAL.

The Germans have occupied the rich coal fields on the borders of the provinces of Chi-Li and Shan-Si.

The population of Nebraska is 1,068,539, as against 1,058,910 in 1890. This is an increase of 9,629, or 9 per cent.

An imperial irade orders the immediate signature of a contract for the construction of a fast cruiser with the Cramps, of Philadelphia, says the Constantinople correspondent of the London Daily Chronicle. The price agreed upon will give a sufficient surplus to settle the American indemnity.

Rear-Admiral Frederick W. McNair, who was succeeded in command of the Asiatic station by Admiral (then commodore) Dewey, shortly before the outbreak of the war with Spain, died in Washington, on the 28th, as the result of a stroke of apoplexy. He had been in the naval service 45 years, and was the ranking rear-admiral.

Gen. Roberts reports that the garrison at DeWetsdorp, consisting of about 400 men, with two guns, was compelled to surrender to a Boer force said to be 2,500 strong, on November 23, after having suffered a loss of 15 killed and 42 wounded.

While watching a game of football from the roof of the San Francisco and Pacific glass works, at San Francisco, on the 29th, the roof collapsed, precipitating more than 100 men and boys on to the white hot furnaces below. Thirteen were instantly killed or roasted to death and nearly 100 more or less seriously injured, some of whom will die.

The auxiliary cruiser Yosemite, the station ship at Guam island, was blown from her anchorage during the terrible typhoon of November 13 and, after striking on a reef drifted 70 miles to sea, where she sank. Her crew, with the exception of five men who left the ship in a boat, to find shelter, and were drowned, were rescued by the collier Justitia.

Cincinnati is shocked over the knowledge that George R. Griffiths, for years clerk of the board of education, was at the time of his death a defaulter to the school fund, and to the city of Cincinnati, in an amount probably exceeding \$100,000.

The recent mine disaster at Berryville, W. Va., in which 14 lives were lost, was proven to have been the result of a conspiracy to kill the foreman of the mine. The conspirators, after lighting the fuse, stood at the entrance of the mine, but the force of the explosion was greater than they expected, and they were also killed.

Preston Todd, 23 years old, was killed while taking part in a foot-ball game at Chicago on the 29th. Todd was playing half back and was given the ball to make a buck through the center of the opposing eleven. After a lively scrimmage Todd was picked up unconscious, and died three hours later.

As the result of a boiler explosion at Davenport, Ia., on the night of the 29th, in the plant of the Glucose Sugar Refining Co., two men were killed and five seriously injured. The boiler-house was demolished by the force of the explosion.

If an agreement concerning rates to the G. A. R. encampment is not arranged between western roads before the 7th, it is likely the encampment will not be held at Denver.

Joseph Manley, of Maine, will probably be an applicant for the place of commissioner of internal revenue, vice Wilson, deceased.

The statement of the treasury balances in the general fund, exclusive of the \$150,000,000 gold reserve in the division of redemption, issued on the 30th, showed: Available cash balance, \$139,303,797; gold, \$93,047,373.

A district judge at Paris, on the 30th, says Oscar Wilde is dead, and adds that he expired in an obscure house in the Latin quarter from meningitis, and was received into the Catholic church on his death bed.

Mrs. Emma Van Liew, who was under indictment at Van Wert, O., for murdering Alice Hummel by throwing vitriol in her face, pleaded guilty to manslaughter, on the 30th, and was sentenced to the penitentiary for ten years. She was taken to the penitentiary at Columbus the same day.

At the meeting of the Royal society in London, on the 30th, it was announced that the projected national Antarctic expedition would start next autumn, and that the construction of a vessel to be named the "Discovery" had already been commenced at Dundee.

The accounts of the operations of the German expeditionary forces in China are shocking. They show that the spirit of revenge is being carried to extremes which can not be countenanced by civilized nations.

Gen. MacArthur has confirmed the sentences of hanging passed upon four Filipinos recently convicted of murder at Lingayen. The condemned were members of the Guardia de Honor, a band of assassins, whose victims were kidnapped and beheaded. They will be hanged December 21.

Finley Peter Dunne, author of the "Dooley" papers and for many years an active newspaper man of Chicago, is dangerously ill with pneumonia at St. Luke's hospital in that city.

Arndt K. Housekeeper, of Narberth, Pa., was discharged as a voluntary bankrupt in the United States district court at Philadelphia, on the 30th, with liabilities of \$2,891,093, and assets \$23. He had been made the scapegoat of real estate speculators.

The largest stock of gold coin and silver certificates in the United States is now accumulated in the treasury and its branches. The total has been rising steadily during the whole of the present year, and is now \$474,108,336, or about \$76,000,000 greater than at the close of 1899.

United States Ambassador White's speech at the Thanksgiving Day banquet of the American colony in Berlin has been received with favor by all sections of the German press, even the government organs publishing it in full.

By clever work Burlington (Ia.) officers trailed and captured a man named George Anderson, who is, without doubt, the one who killed W. H. Linter of Cedar Rapids and fatally shot Mrs. Linter in Burlington, in an attempt to hold them up.

Secretary Bracken, of the Minnesota state board of health, gives out the statement that smallpox is epidemic at Winona. It is said that there are over 300 cases, mostly in a Polish settlement.

Cattle thieves, with all arrangements made in advance for shipping the stolen cattle, took 120 head from the ranch of Alfred McCoy, six miles from Rensselaer, Ind., shipped them to Chicago, and had them sold before the owner was aware of his loss. They were valued at \$8,000.

Oscar L. Boese, aged 21 years, is reported as lying at the point of death at his home in Bristol, Pa., as the result of an outrageous passion to which he was subjected at the West Point military academy, to which he was appointed, about a year ago, by Congressman Wanger.

LATE NEWS ITEMS.

Mail advices from Australia state that the volcano on Beach Island, in the New Britain group, has again become active, causing a great upheaval on land and sea. A score or more natives who went out to fish were either killed by the shocks or were drowned. There were 32 successive tremors.

The population of Wisconsin, as officially announced, is 2,099,042, against 1,886,880 in 1890. This is an increase, since 1890, of 322,162, or 22.6 per cent. The population in 1850 was 1,215,497, showing an increase of 371,350, or 32.2 per cent., from 1850 to 1890.

The two houses of congress convened, on the 3d, listened to the reading of the president's message and, upon the announcement of the death of members of both houses during the recess, adjourned without transacting any public business.

The jury in the case of Editor McBride, who sued a citizen of Mitchell, S. D., for \$20,000 damages for the destruction of his newspaper plant nearly five years ago, returned a verdict, on the 2d, awarding McBride \$700 damages.

The Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul railroad has notified all railroads in the Western Passenger association that, until the 7th, it will sell round-trip tickets to Chicago, to the National Live Stock exposition, for one fare.

The steamers Tom Dodsword and Volunteer, both Pittsburgh (Pa.) tow-boats, collided 20 miles above Huntington, W. Va., on the 2d. Almost thirty coal barges, containing 600,000 bushels of coal, sank; loss, \$100,000.

Archbishop Marchetti, the apostolic delegate, will participate in services to be held at St. Patrick's church, in Washington city, at midnight of the 31st, to consecrate the new century to God.

The new public bath for women, built by the sanitary department, was opened at Santiago de Cuba, on the 1st, and 300 girls and women took advantage of the opportunity offered.

The Turko-German difficulty regarding a coaling station in the Red sea has been settled, Germany intimating that she only wants a station during the Chinese crisis.

After serving as postmaster and assistant postmaster continuously for 38 years, John Ryan, of St. George, Utah, has resigned. He is 85 years old.

Lieut. Ryan, of the signal corps, has been ordered to Porto Rico to reorganize the signal corps there.

In the senate, on the 3d, the work of the Fifty-sixth session was successfully launched by the reading of the message from the president. No other business was transacted. The oath of office was administered to William B. Dillingham, of Vermont, who succeeds the late Justin S. Morrill, and the death of Cushman K. Davis, of Iowa, being announced, the senate adjourned out of respect to their memory.

In the house, aside from the reading of the president's message, no business of importance was transacted. The death of the late Representative Daly, of New Jersey, and Hoeffcker, of Delaware, were announced, and the house adjourned.

The Pacific Cable Co. has accepted, on behalf of the governments of Great Britain, New South Wales, Queensland and Zeland, the offer of the Telegraph Construction and Maintenance Co. to make and lay a cable from Vancouver to Queensland and New Zealand, via Fanning, Fiji and Norfolk islands, for £1,795,000, the work to be finished by the end of 1902.

At Akron, O., on the 3d, Judge Kohls sentenced three more of the convicted rioters, John Rorer and Richard Hullett being sent to the penitentiary for one year each, and Claude Bender to the workhouse for 30 days. William DeWitt was also convicted of participating in the riot, making the tenth conviction.

H. L. Weber and F. Holmes were sentenced at Emporia, Kas., on the 2d, to ten years each in the penitentiary for robbery. On the way to the penitentiary Weber confessed that he had been cracking safes for ten years, and that he belonged to one of the best organized gangs that ever operated in Kansas.

While several mechanics were at work on the roof of the new engineering building at the navy yard at Brooklyn, on the 3d, a piece of timber fell, striking Lieutenant Commander Reynold T. Hall, assistant engineer of the yard, fracturing his skull. His injuries probably will prove fatal.

Mrs. Charles H. Blow, of Chicago, wife of a former state game warden, swore out warrants, on the 3d, charging her husband with attempting to chloroform her and her three children and then turning on the gas so that suffocation would finish the work.

MISSOURI STATE NEWS.

Rights of an Officer.

The supreme court, Division No. 2, handed down, a few days ago, a ruling of importance, in the case of State vs. Lane, relating to the right of an officer to kill a prisoner while the latter is resisting arrest. The court holds that "where persons having authority to arrest or imprison or otherwise to advance or execute the public justice of the state, and using the proper means for that purpose, are resisted in so doing, and the party resisting is killed in the struggle, such homicide is justifiable."

An officer in making an arrest should use no unnecessary violence; but, it being his duty to make the arrest, the law clothes him with the power to accomplish that result. His duty is to overcome all resistance and bring the party to be arrested under physical restraint, and the means he may use must be commensurate with his duty. But it is held that, whether the officer has used unnecessary or unreasonable means or force is a question of fact for the jury to determine, under proper instructions from the court.

The defendant, Lane, was a night marshal of the town of Malden, in Dunklin county, and in the attempt to subject one James McGregor to physical restraint, struck the latter a severe blow with a pistol, fracturing the prisoner's skull and ultimately causing death. The jury brought in a verdict of guilty of manslaughter in the third degree, and Lane was sentenced to three years in the penitentiary. The judgment of the circuit court is affirmed.

Recent Deaths.

Rev. John Feil, who for 30 years was pastor of St. Peter's Evangelical church at Oak street and living place, Kansas City.

William H. Powell, founder of the Citizens' national bank, of Sedalia, at the age of 87.

John W. Purves, aged 60, of Washington, at the Mullaphy hospital, St. Louis. He was president of the Den-gen-Breckenrump Manufacturing Co. of Washington, and a prominent Freemason and churchman.

Bad Loss for a G. A. R. Post.

Fire completely gutted the lodge room of the Frank P. Blair Post, G. A. R., on the third floor of 1708 Market street, St. Louis. All efforts to save the paraphernalia were in vain and they, together with the records of the lodge and the furnishings of the room, were destroyed. It will be almost impossible to replace the records of the post, and as many of the flags and banners which decorated the wall had histories, the members feel their loss keenly.

They Had Fun With Meyer.

J. D. Meyer, a well-known politician of St. Louis, was formally presented with his own watch at a meeting of his political club. An elaborate presentation speech attested the ceremony, and Meyer had arisen to respond before he discovered that a trick had been played on him. Since then he has been besieged by friends expressing a desire to see his new watch, and it always ends by his "buying."

A Jail Delivery.

Five prisoners, Wm. Douglas, Chas. Davis, Ed. Riley, John Cullins and Charles Coleman, held for burglary and assault, escaped from the county jail at Mexico, saving the casing of the inner cells and chiseling through a brick wall. Eleven other prisoners, among them Ed. Spencer, a preacher's son, convicted of murder, refused to leave.

Two Pardons Were Granted.

Gov. Stephens granted the usual Thanksgiving pardon for good behavior. Those receiving clemency were Lewis Griffith and Virginia B. Todd, both being under a sentence for murder in the second degree, the former from Clay county for 50 years, and the latter from Ralls county for 25 years.

Engineer and Fireman Killed.

Passenger train No. 66, north-bound on the Frisco, was wrecked four miles north of Weaubleau station. Engineer Fox and Fireman Scott were crushed beneath the engine and crushed to death. No one else was injured, where they have families.

Daughters' College Reorganized.

Dr. J. B. Jones, president of Daughters' college, at Fulton, has made public that the college is indebted to the state of Missouri for the sum of \$36,000, has been wiped out, and that steps have been taken by which the college hereafter shall forever be free from liability of debt.

While the Family Was Away.

The residence of Charles Meyer, at Pacific, was burned the other night. When the blaze was discovered the family were absent and the house was locked. Loss, \$1,600; insured.

Southwest Missouri Teachers.

The annual session of the Southwest Missouri Teachers' association was held at Nevada. About 200 leading educators of that section of the state were present.

Seems to Come Natural.

A negro serving a year's sentence in the St. Louis workhouse has been arrested charged with burglary while abusing his privilege as a "trusty."

A Prosperous Mission.

A mission started on the Levee, in St. Louis, about a year ago has prospered to such an extent that it is now to occupy a four-story building.

His Gun Exploded.

While out hunting, Ira Nation, 18-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Al Nation, of Appleton, Wis., was instantly killed by the explosion of his gun.

J. B. Williams Appointed.

Gov. Stephens has appointed J. B. Williams inspector of oils for the city of St. Louis, for a term ending July 2, 1902. It is a lucrative position.

A Memorial to Pontiac.

The St. Louis chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution will erect a memorial tablet to Pontiac, the Ottawa chief.

Death Came Suddenly.

Perry Bloomer, a prominent farmer and stockman, west of Palmyra, died suddenly.

FROM EUROPE TO AFRICA.

Scheme for the Construction of a Tunnel Under the Straits of Gibraltar.

PROPOSED LENGTH TWENTY-FIVE MILES.

The cost, with the Connecting Line Between Spain and Algeria is Estimated at \$43,500,000, and the Time Required for Construction Seven Years.

Washington, Dec. 2.—The state department has received a report conveying further information as to the proposed tunnel from Europe to Africa under the Straits of Gibraltar, from Mr. George H. Murphy, consular clerk at Magdeburg, Germany. Mr. Berlier, the French engineer who has submitted the proposal of the project to the government of Spain and Morocco, is said to have perfect confidence in the feasibility of the plan, holding that it presents no great obstacles that were encountered in the building of the tunnels of Mont Genis and St. Gotthard.

The Ventilating Problem.

On the other hand, Mr. Murphy states that the ventilating problem of a submarine tunnel, and removal of the constantly accumulating water are very formidable, and expensive obstacles to be dealt with. Nevertheless, Berlier believes that, by a secret process of his own, he can grapple with these difficulties and keep the cost of the work at a figure not exceeding that required in the enterprises at St. Gotthard and Arlberg, or Simplon. By working simultaneously from both ends of the tunnel he believes the date of completion could be safely be placed at 1907.

Length of the Tunnel.

The proposed length of the tunnel is 25 miles, 20 miles of this under the sea. Railway connection in Europe is planned, by means of a line following the Spanish coast and passing through Tarifa and Algeiras into France. In Morocco a line would be constructed from Tangier, connecting with the railroad system at Tlemcen. The entire cost of the tunnel alone is approximated at over \$23,000,000, and of the entire connecting line between Spain and Algeria at about \$43,500,000.

Unfavorable French Criticism.

The French press is said to criticize the project unfavorably, on the ground that Mr. Berlier has overestimated the earning power of the road, and that it seems hardly credible that the passenger and freight traffic between France and Algeria could be diverted to this indirect and expensive route.

OUR RELATIONS WITH TURKEY

Rumors of a Rupture of Diplomatic Relations With the Porte are Unfounded.

Constantinople, Friday, November 30.—The rumors that a rupture of diplomatic relations between the United States and Turkey is imminent, are unfounded. The relations between the porte and the United States legation are excellent. In fact, the United States charge d'affaires, Lloyd C. Griscom, has been received in audience six times this year. Only a few nights ago he was invited to a musical entertainment at the Yildiz palace. This proves he is persona grata at the palace.

The visit of the United States battleship Kentucky to Smyrna does not influence the nature of these relations, though it does induce the porte to make strictly confidential itself with the United States claims for indemnity, which were already on the point of solution.

Dr. Thomas H. Norton is going Monday, to take possession of his post at Harport.

The United States legation will continue to press its demand for an extradition, but a prompt solution of this question is not likely.

The orders to the Cramps, of Philadelphia, for a cruiser will be small, the price being less than 500,000 Turkish pounds.

ORDERS TO CONSUL GUMMERE.

To Proceed to the Capital of Morocco to Press the Claim of the United States.

Washington, Dec. 2.—The state department has sent instructions to United States Consul Gummere, of Tangier, Morocco, to proceed to the capital of that country as far as possible on a United States man of war, to present a fresh claim of the United States for indemnity on account of the murder of Marcus Ezaguin, a naturalized American citizen, who was killed in June, 1900. The warship, which probably will be the Kentucky, is to be accompanied by a consular agent, who will convey the consul from Tangier to Mazagan which is the nearest port to Fez, the capital of Morocco.

SMALLPOX AMONG INDIANS.

Outbreak of the Red Pest Among the Bad River Indians at Odanah, Wis.

Washington, Dec. 2.—Indian Agent Campbell, of the LaPointe agency in Wisconsin, has reported to Commissioner of Indian Affairs Jones that smallpox has broken out at Odanah, among the Bad River Indians. He says their condition is serious, and the outbreak is spreading. Commissioner Jones has telegraphed his authority to quarantine the Indians.

Hooliganism in London.

London, Dec. 2.—The recent increased activity of the police here against "Hooliganism" in Whitechapel, has been speedily followed by a revengeful murder. Constable Thompson attempted to disperse a band of "Hooligans" when one of the latter turned and stabbed him to death.

Thompson was closely connected with the search for the perpetrators of "Jack the Ripper" murders.

Another band of armed "Hooligans" shot a woman in the Limehouse district, Friday night.

A MEXICAN CENTRAL WRECK.

A Score of Persons Killed and About Sixty Injured by a Head-End Collision.

San Antonio, Tex., Dec. 3.—A terrible wreck, in which a score of persons were killed and about sixty hurt, occurred on the Mexican Central railroad, between Tamamacha and Symon, 50 miles south of Juimlico. The first news of the disaster reached here yesterday. Edward Rische, a citizen of San Antonio, was at the scene 20 minutes after the engines crashed together. The place where the wreck occurred is in a valley at the foot of two immense hills. At the time both trains were running 30 miles an hour. One of the trains had on board a construction crew numbering 150 men. The other was a freight train of 55 empty cars. Three engines and about forty cars were piled up 30 feet high. Two Americans, train employees, were forced to flee to avoid being lynched. The names of the killed and injured are not obtainable. This is said to be the most serious wreck that has ever occurred in Mexico.

WANT TO BE AMERICANS.

Delegate Degetau Says Porto Ricans Are Beginning to Realize Their Proud Destiny.

New York, Dec. 3.—Porto Rico's first delegate to congress, Frederick Degetau, is in this city. He arrived on the steamer San Juan, Saturday night, and will stay here to visit friends for a few days before he goes to Washington. He has a great desire to study the English language.

"My people want to become, root and branch, American," he said yesterday. "We can not do it too quickly. We recognize that we are natural Americans and that our future is part of the future of this country. After centuries of sleep, Porto Rico is 'getting there' with great alacrity. The first sign is the development of the natural resources of the island. The evolution of the people, their development, their education and their enrichment will follow. The only question now in Porto Rico is between the federalists, who want to hurry up and be made a state with an autonomous government at once, and the republicans, who want to go slow and first be made a territory with a territorial government, and later graduate into full statehood."

Senator Degetau is a republican, and was chosen by a large majority over his federal opponent. He is about forty-three years old. His home is in Ponce, where he formerly edited La Isla de Porto Rico.

THE RURAL GUARDS OF CUBA.

The Separate Organizations to be United Under One Head for General Duty.

Havana, Dec. 3.—To-day Gen. Wood will issue a decree providing for the separation of the separate organizations of provincial rural guards under one head. Hereafter they will be known as "Rural Guards of the Island of Cuba," and will be subject to the orders of the central government. It is intended that this body shall preserve the future peace of the island.

Hitherto the provincial officials have never gone outside their respective provinces. From this time the guards can be sent to any part of the island to meet any emergency. The plan is to concentrate as many as possible in the vicinity of the sugar estates during the grinding season.

SHROUDED IN MYSTERY.

Body of an Old New York Policeman Found Floating in East River.

New York, Dec. 3.—Mystery surrounds the finding, yesterday, of the dead body of Policeman Patrick McGloin, which was floating in the East River at the foot of Ninety-fifth street. McGloin, who was regularly detailed to duty in the house of the Good Shepherd, answered eight o'clock roll call as usual, yesterday morning, at his police station, and then left to go, it was believed, to the house of the Good Shepherd. Timothy Callahan, captain of a canal boat, at 9:50 o'clock, discovered the body of the policeman in the water.